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SINKIANG IRRIGATION AND FACTORY PROBLEMS DISCUSSED; FARM LOANS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

IRRIGATION IN MAI-KAI-T'I HSIEN -- Sinking Jih-pao, 12 Mar 49

Mai-kai-t'i Heien in the western sector of the Takla Makar Desert urgently needs to solve its long-standing irrigation problem and make its arid soil more productive. For this purpose, the So-ch'e Administrative Office recently requested the Sinking Provincial Government to create an irrigation engineering bureau in this locality.

Earlier proposals of this office to cope with the situation were: (1) to provide a regulated supply of water from Yeh-ch'eng for 45 days out of every year during the drought season, and from So-ch'e Haien via the Pei-shih-kan Ca-nal for 20 days; (2) to interest the people of the haien in the repair and development, by new dredging operations, of existing ditches and canals in the towns and villages, and of the canal which untilizes the Yu Ho, a local branch of the Yeh-erh-chiang Ho.

These measures offered only temporary satisfaction, however, and the So-, ch'e Administrative Office is now seeking a permanent solution to the problem by the establishment of a bureau which would be responsible for a complete irrigation development.

EMPLOYEE AND PROTUCTION PROBLEMS -- Sinking Jin-pao, 15 Mar 49

On 23 March, heads of the Sinkiang Provincial Reconstruction Department's factories met with Wei Esi-hei, Accounting Bureau Chief.

Wei reported on the decision rendered by the Accounting Bureau, Reconstruction Department, and Finance Department with regard to rationing for surplus employees of the factories. Hereafter, rationing for each employee will be cut by 50 percent. The method of distribution will be evolved after production condictions at each plant are examined.

The Reconstruction Department will also make a study of the augar mill's future production plans before sanctioning its request for a special appropriation with which to increase production and improve the quality of the sugar beet.

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It was announced at this meeting that the provincial government intends to show greater interest and give more aid in industrial development. Wei expressed a hope that the factories would sympathize with the provincial government in its present straits.

Present at the meeting were: Liu Te-en, deputy chief, Reconstruction Department; Ma T'ien-yu, ironworks; Su Tan, glass works; Je-hsi-t'i, pottery works; Jen Hsueh-feng, sulfate plant; Ma Yun-te, coal mine; Teng Shu-?, sugar mill.

ACRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK LOANS -- Sinking Jih-pao, 1 Mar 49

Loans for this year's development of agriculture and animal husbandry will be distributed by the Reconstruction Department of the Sinkiang Provincial Government to various haiens as follows:

Hsien	Agriculture (in 1,000	Animal Husbandry gold yuan)
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Ti-hua Ch'ang-chi Ching-hua Sui-lai Ch'ien-te Fou-k'ang Ch'i-ta: Fu-yuan Mu-lei-ho T'u-lu-fan Shan-shan T'o-k'o-hsun	1,500 1,000 1,000 1,000 1,000 800 1,500 1,200 1,200 1,200 1,000	800 450 400 7.30 330 400 500 450 500
8th Administrative District		
Yen-ch'i Ho-ching Ho-shih	1,500 500 500	650 500 500
9th Administrative District		
Ha-mi Chen-hsi I-wu	1,500 1,500 143	650 500 400

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